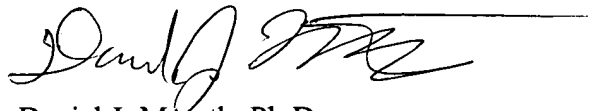


**REMARKS**

The amendments to the specification address typographical and spelling errors, as well as introduce proper sequence identifiers as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(d). The amendment to the claims also made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(d). No new matter has been added. The amendments do not surrender any scope of any claim as originally filed.

The Applicants again request entry of the amendments as set forth herein and in the Appendices attached hereto prior to examination of the application on the merits.

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Enclosures: Appendices A through D

Appendix A: clean copy of the substitute specification; and  
Appendix B: marked up copy showing the changes made; and  
Appendix C: statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 through 1.825; and  
Appendix D: substitute sequence listing